GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:724
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2007
COMPULSORY WORKING IN ISRO BY STUDENTS
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna;Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has not been able to get the required number of the scientists/engineers during the last few years in view of very less science stream students in the country opting for space technolgy;

(b) if so, whether ISRO has made it compulsory for students who pass Indian Institute of Space Technology to work in ISRO for five years after completing their B.Tech or MSc. courses;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the extent to which this move is likely to help ISRO to counter the shortage of scientists/engineers;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Space Institutes in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) &(c) In order to overcome the shortage of Scientists/Engineers, an exclusive Institute i.e., Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) has been started by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The education is totally subsidized and the students passing out of the institute with more than 60% of marks will be given guaranteed jobs in ISRO establishment with the condition for serving a minimum period of 5 years.

(d) It is estimated that about 150 graduates from IIST would be absorbed into ISRO/DOS annually. This will significantly improve the situation.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.